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## STRAIGHT LINE SEEDLING CHESTNUTS

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For generations the farmers in a locality north-east of Peking, China, have been planting orchards of chestnut trees. Their trees are not grafted.

When planting they naturally use the seed from the best trees. No chestnut will come absolutely true from seed, but this process of selecting the best seeds generation after generation makes seedling trees that produce nuts of unusually uniform quality for seedlings.

As a result of my travels in China I managed to get two small shipments of these seedling chestnuts through the war clouds. When shall I get more?

I can spare a small number of these straight line seedlings. If you like to try out new things here's a chance. You might get the best chestnut tree in America. The nuts were planted in 1940. In September, 1942, about one tree in eighty had nuts, nice large ones.

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		3-4 ft. 1.00
		4-5 ft. 1.25

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